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Contemporary Christianity

He's got a fish on his car
But drives like a maniac
Church music on the radio
But she watches trash TV
The jewelry is religious
He buys it for his wife
Welcome to contemporary
Christianity.

A cutesy stenciled cross
Is the name tag for the clerk
Today's sacred artist
Sells Christian concert shirts
A wide Christian market
That runs a half-inch deep
Harvest of contemporary Christianity.

A church that wants some money
But only a percent
An ethic of your choosing
As long as you're decent
A God that tolerates
And grants all requests
Practices of contemporary
Christianity.

Charity becomes
A deduction for me
My preacher assists
In helping me be me
Parochial, unthinking
My preferences comes first
Heart of contemporary Christianity.

The songs I know and like
Are the only songs that count
The prayers that I pray
Are not a large amount
Repentance is passé
Unless of course it's yours
Worship of contemporary
Christianity.
Study Bibles broken
Into a thousand minute cohorts
Look at the graphics
Ignore the text, read the pithy
quotes
Give us tools to live by
But do not ask us to reflect
Mind of contemporary Christianity.

So now, O Lord, we gather
In your holy name
We like you so much better
Now that you are tame
Smile on us and keep us
In your loving care
Make sure each experience
Is just and right and fair
Keep our income solid
Give float to all our boats
Fuel up our RV tanks
Preserve each one's bank notes
And perchance if life falters
Or sends a bad moment
Like war on the telly
Or urban life forment

Take it all away O Lord
Help us to block it out
Rescue us and take us
With the trump and a loud shout
This is what we want
To be our legacy
Kitschy, flashy, trashy Christianity.

— mark l. vincent